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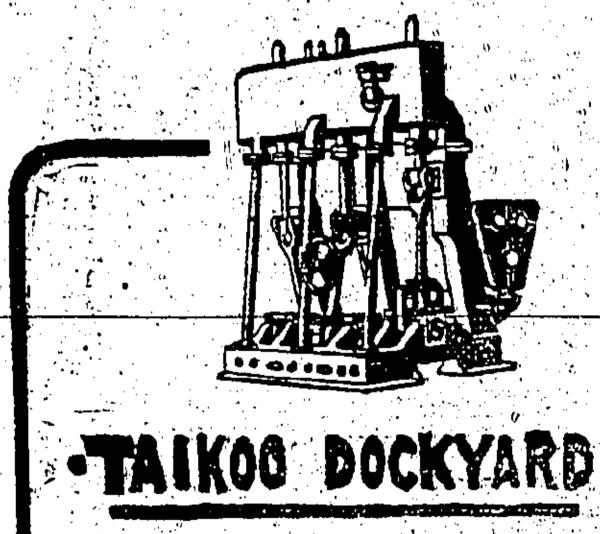
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AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA. SANGUINARY FIGHTING IN UKRAINE.

ARMISTICE ARRANGED.

ODESSA, Dec. 20. Owing to the Ukranians ordering the Bolsheviks to cease interfering in the administration of the town, not allowing the Bolshevik expedition against the Don Cossacks to pass through Ukraine, there have been three days' sanguinary fighting between the Ukranians and the Bolsheviks. The "leader of the Bolsheviks was killed and an armistice was arranged.

Bands of criminals have been pillaging the shops and houses, but probably, order will soon be restored

UKRANIA'S REPLY TO THE ULTIMATUM.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21. The Ukranian Republic, replying to the Maximalist ultimatum, demands absolute con-intervention in its affairs, the recall of the Ukranian troops from the other Fronts, to Ukranian, the noon-intervention of the Commissioners and the Generalissimo on the Ukranian and Rumanian South Western Fronts, the participation of the Ukranian Republic in the peace negotiations and the representation of Ukraine, to the extent of one-third, in the future Federal Government. The reply also refuses supplies from Ukraine, unless each is paid, of which one third must be in gold.

The Maximalist Commissioners have replied insisting that Ukraine shall renounce its support of General Kaledin and the Bourgeoisie rebellion.

GENERAL KALEDIN'S PROGRESS

REACHES ROSTOFF AFTER SIX DAYS' FIGHTING.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The Times Petrograd Correspondent states that General Kaledin entered Rostoff on December 15 after six days fighting in which the Red Guards lest peace terms. 800 killed and 1,000 wounded.

The Maximalist leaders took refuge on the warships which attempted to leave the river, but the cruiser Kolkula stranded and was prevented from reaching the sea by the Cossack artillery.

GERMAN PRISONERS, YIRTUALLY FREE, REACH PETROGRAD.

LONDON, Dec. 21. The Daily Chronicle Petrograd Corres pondent states that wagon louds o German prisoners, virtually free, are daily arriving at Petrograd, and German soldiers in uniform are met everywhere in the streets . Undoubtedly, the German influence is working strongly, and it is believed the Germans were concerned in the drink riots which the Soviet declares to have been the work of the Cadets, in order to immobilite the Soviet troops.

There have been many arrests.

MAXIMALIST VIEWS FOR GERMAN SOLDIERS.

LONDON. Dec. 21. The Daily Mail Petrograd Correcpondent states that M. Trotzky has ordered the publication of a German newspaper for distribution in the German trenches, expounding the Maximalist views.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS YOLUNTERI TO SERVE IN U.S. ARKY.

LONDON, Dec. 21 Heate & Correspondent at American Hendquarters in France that the officers of the H Army my Armos have volenteered the

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN EX-PRISONERS COMMANDING BOLSHEVIKS.

LONDON, Dec. 31. The Morning Post Petrograd Correspondent states that in a fight between the Bolsheviks, and the Cossacks at Tashkent, the fevmer were victorious and were commanded by Austrian and German officers who are ex-prisoners. III is believed that a force of exprisoners under their own officers, equalling two Army Corps, is within striking distance of Petrograd.

RUSSIAN STAFF IN RUMANIA JOHN UKRANIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 21. The Daily News Petrograd Correspondent states that the Russian Staff on the Rumanian Front has joined the Ukranians, and that General Tcherdat cheff has been appointed Generalissimo of Ukraine.

BOLSHEVIK REGIME SHAKING.

LONDON, Dec. 21. "A telegram from Copenhagen states that a private message from Finland says the Bolshevik regime is shaking.

hence the state of seige at Petrograd. There have been numerous arrests, including the ex-Ministers M. Savinkoff and M. Tchernoff.

AN AUTONOMOUS TCHECOSLOYAK ARMY, IN FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 21. A decree creates an autonomous Tchecoslovaks army in France, the nucleus being the Tchecoslovaks serving with French Army.

RUSSIAN PEACE TERMS.

GERMANY REPORTED TO HAVE REFUSED THEM.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21. It is unofficially reported that the Germans have refused the Russian

THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 21,

1.80 a.m. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Hair reports:--

The enemy raided a post, to the north-east of Hargicourt and also under cover of the fog, captured an advanced post, to the east of Messines.

We drove off raiders, to the northeast of Armentieres, and to the north of the Menin Road. We inflicted many casualties, i patrol encounters, to the south coat has

The artillery was active, on both sides, at Bullecourt, and the enemy artillery was increasingly active to the south-east of Ypres.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states there is nothing to report.

STRONG ENEMY ATTACK IN LORRAINE PAILS.

Lordon; Dec. 213

A French communique states There was moderate reciprocally artillery activity on the whole Front A strong epercy attack in Latening preceded by a violent bon bardment of the tranches worth north of Relifon, completely failed and

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The conditions of the tendering, the specifications and throuplans of the canalization are open to the public at the Public Works Department and in the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong, where they can be examined all week

Macao. Public Works Department 18th December, 1917. RAUL M. DE FARIA E MARIA,

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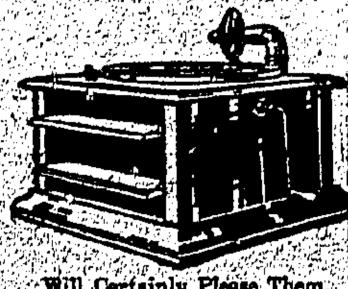
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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, October 25.

LABOUR AMBITIONS.

It has been clear, ever since Mr.

Arthur Henderson broke with the Cabinet, that the Labour Party had ambitions to dominate the political situation after the war. There is no gainsaying that the outstanding effect of the war has been to give democracy a fuller notion of its potential powers, and to make all monarchs feel uneasy on their thrones. We have had the Tsar and King Tino dismissed, and the Kinz of Spain is none too secure in his place. So the Labour politicians think they see their chance. They expect that the soldiers will come back with new ideas of social nacessities and the women will be discontented with conditions as they were before the war opened up new opportunities to them. As women are to vote under the new franchise reform law there will be this double field of new recruits for the Labour forces. So now it is proposed to organise the Labour Party on a dual basis "first, as national trade union societies, for the regulation of industrial matters, and secondly, in the constituencies, for the domination politics. Mr. Arthur Henderson. said to have ambitions to be the new Labour Premier, and there are many people of cool heads and little sympathy with the movement who are ready to concede that the scheme may succeed. - In the constituencies all the men and women who are in favour of the Labour programme will

occupation. To what extent the Bamsay Macdonald element will have influence in the new order of things, cannot be foreseen, but I think myself they will be restrained, and there need not be; any grave misgivings about the developments if such men as George, for England is to make the cloth and Barnes and John Hodge have a guid- the uniforms for the American Army ing voice in the policies, There can be no coult that actual responsibility in office culms down the wildest

be eligible for enrolment. They

declare the aim is to organise ull the

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to sweep caway the established bers of our Cabinet this week that parties has not made a good start, we shall fight until votory as wheres. though it ray becked by General say declaration for Germany is roak

and others of equal prominence. In East Islington their candidate, a good fighter too, Mr. E. B. Barnard, only got 513 votes, with the Coalition candidate, Mr. Smallwood, away over for Teprisals, but that did not lead for aerial activity. Taking account the fact that Islington has suffered as much as any part from air raids, the election shows that people are not to be rushed out of their accustomed method of regarding politics; and the new 'nationals and 'vigilantes' have yet to show their worth before they can gain the confidence of the majority.

SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES.

well-informed correspondent writes:--" Apart from the strikes in Australian waters that are interfering seriously with the movement of ships the shortage of ocean carriers is being acutely felt, and I understand that enormous quantities of whert and wool are now stored in the Commonwealth. There is much bitter complaint about the use to which the vessels bought by Mr. Hughes during his visit to London last year are it was, indeed, a condition of both their purchase and their transfer to kept running between the Commonwealth and Allied Ports most of them are employed in the Indian and American trades at freights above Blue Book rates. In South Africa, too, there is trouble over the shipment of goods overseas. and even if negotiations are concluded the ground at the farmers for the purchase of the Hunters Moon. 1917-18 wool clip, it is believed that much of it will have to be kept at Union ports. In view, however, of the increasing military demands, th Army Council, I learn, is anxious to accumulate a large reserve of wool in the United Kingdom as soon as possible to meet all contingencies, and although stocks in hand are aufficient for present purposes, it is likely that a great effort will be made to provide the necessary transport

In regard to the wool demand. may add that civilian requirements are likely to be still further restricted.

PEACE MOVES

The declaration of Sir Edward Page Croft Lord Charles Revealers ing affections thought subtermienn

efforts to get peace on terms favourable to herself, while Austria and Turkey are sick of the war. It is believed here that Germany's aim 's a peace on the busis of the abandon-2,000, and Pemberton Billing's tame ment of all territories occupied in the candidate, Mr. Baker, about 1,500 West, provided some scope is granted" behind. The cry of the electors was to our fee to expand in the Near East. It is a clever move, for since the them to clasp the Billing type of collapse of Russia, the Powers, sport politician to their bosoms, in spite of from England, are not much interthat worthy's megaphonic screeching ested in the regions east of Montenegro and the Hun is calculating on war-weariness. But there is at present great cordiality between the Allies, so the intriguing Hun will be disappointed. "No peace with the Hohenzollerns "continues to be the watchword. I do not personally believe the war will go through next summer, and I am disposed to agree with Mr. Winston Churchill, that the sword will swing back to its scabbard as suddenly as it was drawn. I know of men in public life who are betting on peace within a few months, but think the bad weather is against that, for it is hindering the Anglo-French forces from advancing as rapidly as they otherwise would.

What it is like at the Front is shown in this fragment from a letter just received in England, " Noise we have grown used to; mud we thought we had wallowed in; but the mire now baffles belief. It is a far more formidable enemy than the foe, and one of the problems it presents is being put. It was understood—and the difficulty of recovering our wounded. That men should be hit is a natural part of the war, but it another registry—that they would be is not expected that a wounded man should sink where he has fallen and have to be dug out of the mud, Europe, but it is known that which sometimes is nearly up to his shoulders, before he can be brought in. My memory of the war will be guns and horribly insecure ground." A gale for a week would, in fact, do a double good, for it would dry between the Imperial authorities and the advantages to the foe of the

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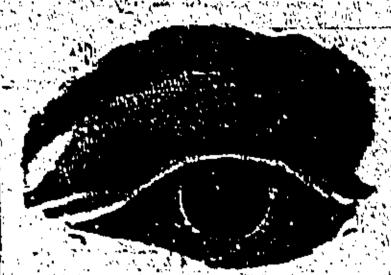
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WHY CATCH THEM?

CATCHING COLD.

One catches a cold, says Dr. J. H. Kellogg, in " Good Health," because for some reason the skin lacks resistance. Apply a cold-water compress to a person's head for several hours, and he will begin to complain that his forehead is sore and painful; he will have neuralgic pulns in his forehead; the skin and the flesh HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI become sore. This pain is called talk. " rheumatism," for lack of a better term. It is simply a painful, sensitive condition due to the lowering of the blood-temperature which permits waste matters to accumulate in the tissues," causing the

He goes on: ... Thus in a general way we may say that the cause for taking an ordinary cold is lowering of the temperature of the blood, either locally or generally. If person has been perspiring from exercise and sita down and lets the wind blow on him he soon begins to feel chilly. While For every 15s. 6d. Jont now £1 he was exercising, his muscles were generating heat.

nerves to become abnormally sensitive.

". For a muscle generates heat, just as a dynamo generates electricity. Ev its nction, heat is generated, just as by the revolution of the armsture of the dynamo electricity is generated-and, in fact, in wery similar way; not in the way stove generates heat, but in the way in which a dynamo generates electricity.

" If a person perspires when exercising t is because he generates more heat than is needed to keep the body warm, so it is necessary that the body should be cooled, and perspiration is simply the effort of the body to cool itself off. Bathing the skin with water and allowing the water to evaporate also have the effect of

" Now, when the perspiring individual ceases to exercise and sits down, the effect a that of putting out a fire or blowing out a light. The extra generation of heat censes, so the evaporation goes on withbut" extra heat, being produced, because the skip is wet and the clothing contains moisture and the evaporation causes a chilling of the body.

" It takes but a few minutes to produce this result; then in order to warm the body up, the muscles are set into spasmodic contraction. There are shivering and sneezing, which are signs of a kind of general apasm.

... When one speczes, he does not specze with his nose, but through it. It is the entire body that is exercising. " Every muscle contracts. The feet are lifted up from the floor. There is a jump of the whole body. It would be quite impossible Single Certificates for sums from £100 to hold anything steady in your hand when you sneeze; but the motion is particularly of the expiratory muscles. Thereis a sudden contraction of these muscles with an explosive effort of nature to warm

' When you sneeze, you say, ' Oh You have taken cold. Your temperature has been lowered and you already have the cold, and the muscular spasm is the effort of nature to cure it.

"Now if you want to help Nature the best way is to keep right on exercis ing. You feel a little shiver started her and there, and you feel chilly. Now set your muscles to work as hard as you can That is the quickest way to stop the shivering.

"Certainly one can prevent onesel from taking cold. One sits in church and a draught blows on the back of one neck. One says :-- I am going to get cold. T'shall have a stiff neck to-morrow. "You do not need to have a cold. Just make the muscles contract as hard possible; keep them working so they will keep the skin warm, and you, will no

take the cold. "And the best of it is that one does not have to take gympastic exercises or walk in order to exercise. One can t perfectly still and work so hard as make oneself perspire freely-by making | would not have joined together in the every musels of the body tense. hands can be kept straight at the sides with the muscles perfectly rigid. Make every muscle of the body nigid and you will see pretty soon that you are breathing hard. Pretty soon you are taking

deep breaths. "You may say that it is hard to that; but nevertheless one can sit quietly in church or other gathering and look the speaker in the face, and at the same moment work as hard as though one were running to catch a train, or one may sit at one's deak and dictate important letters or papers and at the same time be doing hard physical work.

"Thus one does not need to take cold because one is sitting still, for one does not need to be idle and relaxed because one is sitting still."

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" PEYCHOLOGICAL PROCESS."

The German. Press continues provide really astonishing dissertations on the strategy of the "peace offensive," and upon the way in which the German Government, under Herr von Kuchlmann's leadership, proposes to reach its ends by fooling the enemy with peace

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" published recently an elaborate examination the "purely psychological process" by which Germany's enemies are to be brought "to see that violence will not succeed and that negotiations must take place." In "this latest stage of the war, in which it is an early peace that is first of all being fought for," Germany must obviously combine "the methods of policy and diplomacy with "the highest conceivable demands upon military weapons and military leadership." The "Frankfurter Zeitung." claims that Germany is now united "in the right path," and that there is now "a German line," which is defined as "deliberate work in the spirit of a policy which aims at preparing psychologically the peace of agreement, at winning recruits for it, and at taking the ground from under the feet of the war agitators in Entente countries."

.The "Frankfurter Zeitung" then discourses at length upon "bluff." Itsays that "political bluff without a decisive military victory is quite senseless, and in the long run positively injurious." The writer adds with charm ing candour that, if the Germans had this "decisive victory," they would gladly "do without the war aid of policy."

He proceeds:-"The precise object of our political method is to make the "bluffing" of our enemies with Ministerial speeches and senseless break-through battles impossible through the fact that we open wide the doors to peace—so wide that one day, in spite of all agitation, the majority of the Entente peoples will be disposed to march through the open door with us, with or without their present leaders. A reasonable peace offer, which is accompanied by great military blows, and which cannot therefore seriously be misinterpreted—such a peace offer, and such a peace policy, has an enormous attractive strength, a magnetic energy which in the long run no people can resist, if at the same time the hope of final victory through

physical force is terribly destroyed. This is the position in which the Entente stands to-day. It is true that we have not thrown them to the ground, but their own high-flying plans are as far from "realization as ever. " The taking cold." That is a mistake, seoples are beginning to doubt. The psychological process has begun. This is where our peace policy intervenes. The offer of a peace tolerable also to our enemies gnaws at their hearts, multiplies their doubts, and paves the way, to understanding. They are faced with the decision, and their own troubles and their own failures gradually force our enemies into the path of peace."

THROUGH "PEACE" TO GERMAN

In an eloquent passage the "Frank furter Zeitung" explains that the psychological process is not in the least dangerous for Germany; it will lead to negotiations, and then Germany will reap the fruits of her military successes. The writer says:

"Nobody among us doubts the fact that in our general situation the military advantages far outweigh the political disadvantages. The fear in the Entente States of the conclusion of peace affords the best proof. Our military and political leaders, the directors of the Empire, with the Kaiser at their head, peace policy of the Central Powers i they did not know that our vital necessities were absolutely secured in this peace policy Have no fear! The readiness for peace is of itself no sign of a weak position. The elecisive factors which determine the nature of the peace lie in the actual situation, in our hands in our reserves, and in the increasing

pressure of our submarines. In spite of many entries on the wrong side of the account, the situation is favourable for us, and that will be proved in the days of negotiation." THE REICHSTAG'S PART IN THE GAME It is almost equally edifying to read

a chanvinistic industrialist organ like the Berlin Lokalanzeiger." In an article called "Wise Moderation" the Lokalanzeiger" teaches the Reichstag its part in the new game. It says:--The meeting of the Reichstag provides occasion to show how much or how little we have actually learnt in the sphere of foreign statesmanship. We had better leave lying what lies behind us, and direct our gaze, our will and our setion, to the future. During the war the German Reighstag has not meraly been granted graciously a glimpse into the workshop of our, political la bour it has become a co worker. It is mow, so to speak, the youngest member of the German Diplomatic Service But it never has been, and never will be the task of diplomacy to expose to al world the complicated threads the will of the State and the final sime Whereas the Reichstag hitherto deve loped its political cooperation in more or less good speeches, it, will doubtless in its capacity as the youngest diplomatist/cumingly recognize/the power demanded of our enemies we mit agrees then everything that we need

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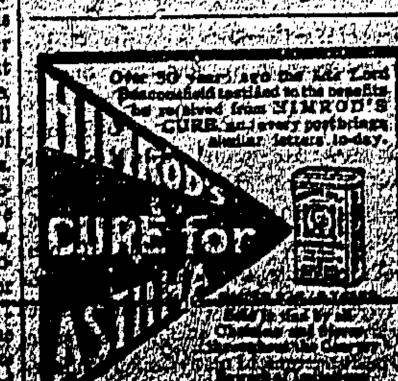
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Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1917.

NOTICE. ON SATURDAY, 22nd December, 1917 O All Departments will be OPEN FOR BUSINESS until 6 PM. and on MONDAY, the 24th December, until

> A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1917.

IMPORT AND EXPORT OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. HIS OFFICE will be entirely ULOSED on Christmas and New

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A. R. LOWE, Secretary. Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1917.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

General Holiday. The Spectacular Film Damon and Pythias at the Victoria Theatre. Matinee.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

TURSDAY, Dec. 25;--Christmas Day : General Holiday. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26 :--

Boxing Day : General Holiday. 2.30 and 4 p.m. Football Charity

Matches. FRIDAY, Dec. 28:-

President Woodrow Wilson's birthday 2.30 p.m. -Auction of Teakwood and

Blackwood Furniture, &c., at Mesers Hughes & Hough's. 3.30 p.m - Final in Ladies' Tennis Singles Championship, L. B. C. ground.

5.46 p.m. Total Eclipse of the Moon. 8.52 p.m.—Fell Moon. MONDAY, Dec. 31 :--

Hogmanay. 5 p.m. -Bale of Rere British Colonial Stamps at Messrs. Hoghes and Hough's.

"OHIMA MAIL"

OF THE WHEEL

Hongrong, Saturday, Dec. 23, 1917.

THE CHINESE SOLDIER. Review on "Hunan, the Mexico" of China," there are a few comments on the character of the fighting which 2416 has recently taken place in that province which have a special interest. at a time when we are hearing that preparations are actually being made for the despatch of a Division of Chinese troops to Europe. The writer of the article says no Chinese could ever have earned the tribute of Kipling about being a "firstclass fighting man," and he adds Revolution in 1911, and six years military drill have not altered a cause or an intrepid leader, or perhaps even the good luck to have fired the first few shots, will put be inaugurated in the near future. ten thousand to flight." That is i-

falls far below contract for the Opium Farm. and efficiency of the armies of the West, or of Japan, or India. For instance Mr. DINGLE in his book describing "China's Revolution writes of the Model Army of China as being "certainly no myth"; "they might have been half-hearted, as many said they were, but their organisation was almost perfect and "fighting was carried on with pluck which astounded all beholders.

A more recent comment by a competent foreign observer says of the of the Chinese soldiers. Properly equipped and lead, they are excellent. In the fighting at Peking this Spring much favourable comment was passed upon the excellence with which the

artillery was served and the bravery of individual soldiers. The rifle shooting was hopelessly wild and ineffective and the work of the but these were the faults of raw of hardship they made good records.

but by a selection from her best Office will be entirely closed during the troops, and, trained in the theatre bolidsys. of war by officers who have been schooled in the war, both the men and their officers will receive military lessons worth many times their cost

THE WEEKLY EDITION OF THE

raw troops engaged in the attack on Marine Surveyor until further notice, Peking last Spring: "There need be vice Mr. Robert Hall" resigned, with no question as to the effectiveness effect from the lat of November, 1917 POST OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.

machine gun squads was no better; day the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m. | THE STORY OF MAN'S GREATEST troops. In marching and endurance delivery of ordinary correspondence It is, of course, not by raw levies that China will be represented in Europe.

"OUR LITTLE BIT" EOCIETY

to Obina, and it will be hoped that to Messia. Shewan, Tomes & Co. two small, will be of far more value to lalexandra Dock Bombay : 5-966 roller taske: their country than the present forces Landspes, 70: flamel wests, 100 white though they cumber lifty, times as poolled cape, of woolier siceveless

THE MAGISTRACY.

THEFT OF A PRIVATE CHAIR.

A Special Dinner to be followed by unlawful possession of a chair. a Pance at the King Edward Hotel is

advertised for Christmas Eve. Three cases of enterio fever were reported in the Colony last week-one British, one Chinese and one Japanese. also reported, all Chinese.

NEWS OF THE DAY

LOCAL AND GENERAL

A Chinese boy, aged 5 years, was knocked down yesterday by motor car No. 25, near Yes Woo Street, Wanehai, and injured about the head. The child died on the way to the Hospital.

The failure of the Electric Light last night was due to a fire on the switch board, and the supply of electricity will be, shut off to-morrow morning for several hours to enable repairs to be

the Puisne Judge's clerk, who has retired bags of sugar. was the recipient of a set of Silver Vases. Supreme Court staff and a few friends, this afternoon.

31st was 554,839—males 294,284 and females 260,555. As compared with the number at the corresponding period In an interesting article in Millards of last year, an increase of 24,974 is shown. The number of houses on Oct. 31st was 126,538, or 4,684 more than a

> The Hon. Tressurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs scknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the

Hospitals:-Tang Chan Shi,25. Mr. Ho Ngok Lan,......25. Tong Yat Chuen, ... 23. .. Ho Put Ting......25. Pun Un Nam,......10.

In order to help in the promotion that "this has been repeatedly dwelt of trade with India, the Osaka Shosen upon by those who witnessed the Kaisha has formulated a plan to inaugurate a regular steamship line between Uapan and India via Java, Borneo and Sumatra: The Government which sees the facts. - A handful of men with the necessity of such a line being maintained, is expected to approve the plan and it is believed that the servic w ill

Fantan husiness is bad at Mac doubtless true of some of the apparently, for we hear that no syndiso-called "armies" in China. An cates have come forward with offers for chiefs to the men of the garrison with incident of the kind actually happened the monopoly. The last contract best Christmas wishes. at Changsha on November 18th. But brought in \$603,000 per annum for training handsomely made up on the recent

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. E. V. D. Parr to be a Member of the Recreation Grounds Committee, as representative of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, vice Mr. R. O. Hutchison.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. W. O. Lambert to act as Second Assistant Government

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Monday 24th Tuesday, 25th and Wednesday 26th inst. Monday, 31st and Tues-There will be one collection and one each day as on Sonday. There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence at 9 a.m. on the 24th and 26th December and let January. The Money Order

The above Society has to day sent

LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION).

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the

Inspector Garrod stated that a few days ago a chair was stolen from Mr. J Arnold, at 61 Robinson Road. The Police were informed and yesterday while the the public chairs were being examined in the police compound, the Three fatal cases of diphtheria were examining officer noticed that the shafts of the chair belonging to the first two defendants bore marks similar to those

> was also arrested." of the first two defendants, and \$50 for Debts to be collected has been received. the third defendant.

presented by the members of the defendants were boat people. Their Bank. number of rice bags had been cut open and a quantity of rice stolen. Information was given to the police who searched the boat with the result that two bags of rice and six bags of sugar were found. One of the rice bags had been identified.

> Mr. Wood adjourned the case until next Friday fixing bail at \$500 each.

> > CITY HALL WORK PARTY.

LETTER FROM LADY MAY.

During the past two weeks the City Hall Work Party packed the follow

148 vests, 100 red jackets, 50 shrouds, 158 shirt, 112 prs of slippers, 27 eye bandages, 30 dozen milk covers, surgical shirts, 36 covers, 7 prs of bed boots: 30 big mosquito nets, 6 head mosquito nets, 6 mops, 5 dozen handkerchiefs, 24 scrubbers, 1 quilt, 75 small pillows, 3 holdalls 24 floor swabs, 7 reversible jackets, il case of slippers.

These were packed in five cases for Bombay on the 14th and 21st inst. This Work Party sent 400 handker-

The City Hall will be closed for work there are other armies in China the Macao Government. But the on Monday and Tuesday Dec. 34th about which foreign observers have Government is doubtless finding con- and 25th, and also on Monday Dec. 31st written in more complimentary terms, solation in the fast that what they lose, and Tuesday Jan. 1st: but will be open though it is admitted that their on the Fantan monopoly they have for the giving out of work on the mornings of Friday Dec. 28th and Friday Jan. 4th

> A letter has been received from Lady May in which she says :---

"I have been reading in the China Mail every week the accounts of all the splendid work you have all done and many a time have I meant to sit cown and write and congratulate you all, but you know how one's days get, filled up. What a splendi success "Our Day" seems to have been too. I feel a terrible slacker though I am working regularly star Red Cross party here. Please remember me kindly to all your busy workers, and say how much I am looking forward to seeing them again. Your days at the City Hall sound

We wish all members of the work party a very happy holiday and wil hope to see them all in the New Year, ready for the work which is all that we women out here can do to bring some little belp and comfort to our men who are fighting.

MICH MANUEL BELL MAN STABE December 21st, 1917.

PRIENDSHIP.

No story of man's friendship has lived more vividly through all the ages than that of Damon and Pythias. Every man, woman and child has felt its thrill and has been uplifted by its ennobling sentiment It will be given its first presentation at the Victoria Theatre, on Monday afternoon, 24th inst. It is in five parts and tells the story of the love the final result will be that a trained cases of War Comforts, contents as below of Pythias for his friend, Damon, so and disciplined force will some back to be forwarded to Ing Hom Superin | great and enduring the love that to Chins after the war which, though tendont, Red Cross Depot, No. 2 Shed, Pythias was willho to die for its

THE WATTOWAY BANK OF CHIME

A Final Winding up Meeting of this Company was held at the office of the Liquidator, S Queen's Road Central Hongkong on Saturday, 22nd December, 1917, at noon. Mr. A. R. Lowe (Liquidator) was in the Chair.

had been read, the Liquidator said :--"Gentlemen, A quorum is now present. The printed statement." accounts and the Liquidator's Report (both covering the whole period of the of Mr. Arnold's chair. The matter for some weeks and with your being investigated, the third defendant permission I will take them as read, Since the 15th of July last, to which date Fire Insurance Co. for the sum of \$6,504 Mr. Wood adjourned the case until the accounts are made up, the sum of next Friday, fixing bail at \$5 for each \$20,450.89, shown as Outstanding The sum of \$13,545.00 has since been paid ... to cutstanding note, holders which was used as a pork rosating shop, or remitted to the Board of Trade to and was caused by the overheating ing at \$77 and Steamboats at \$13 Mr. Beavis appeared in Mr. Wood's meet such claims as may hereafter be of the stove igniting the were charged with the unlawful creditors of the Bank have been paid in rapidly and the whole house was gutted Mr. J. M. Place da Silva, formerly possession of two bags of rice and six full or the money paid into the Govern- before the Fire Brigade which attended ment to meet outstanding ones in the it could extinguish the fire. The damage Inspector O'Sullivan stated that both nature of the Bank notes issued by the is estimated at \$1,300, but is not covered

boat was engaged to carry a cargo of I have given notice that a seventh rice to a godown at Kennedy Town (7th) and final dividend of Forty (40) yesterday and when the cargo, was cents per share is now declared, absorb-The population of Kobe on October being discharged it was found that a ing \$16,181.20. The total dividends declared by me during the Liquidation therefore amount to \$3,758,083.70 cr \$92.90 on each share £6 paid up. AI trust, therefore, you will consider the Liquidation has been conducted satis factorily to you. There is left in my hands a sum of \$2,766.69 which I shall ask you to vote to me as extra remuneration out of which I shall meet any Liquidation expenses to the close of the Liquidation. If there are any questions will do my best to answer them."

There were no questions.

unanimously:-

remuneration out of which he must meet all liquidation expenses from 15th July, 1917 to the dissolution of the Company, be adopted and passed.

An Extraordinary Resolution was also carried unanimously reading as follows :---

"That the Books, account and doouments of the company and of the dars, books, gift books, toy books, Liquidator thereof be retained by the pictures, oil facsims and art novelliquidator, he undertaking to destroy ties, which in these trying days will the same at the expiration of five (5) surely prove of national service to years from the dissolution

This concluded the business before Home and Overseas Trade." the Meeting.

CANTON LOCAL RED CROSS WORKERS.

The following is the result of a special appeal for funds to assist the work of the British Red Cross Local Workers,

M. A. Annett. F. Norton Bell G. H. Bowker G. D. Browne..... ., J. E. B. de Courcy..... O. W. Darch Herbert F. Dent..... W. Farmer D. Forbes C. Fumagalli F. Gandossi .. A. Gandossi , F. C. Herb " J. Hockveon , A. Vivian Hogg..... C. E. Holworthy , G. G. Hoppeler A. Hotson .. M. Hottu ... J. W. Jamieson C.M.G. , N. B. Karanjia..... R. T. Matheson ... G. Mayor.... C. A. McAllum : D. R. McEwen Mrs. McEwen Mr. J. McFarlane ... A. McKinnon. ... R. T. Nelson .. , G. L. Read , W. G. Reynolds. "John Robertson. H. H. Sandeman "J. M. Segordal ... O. H. Shields .. H. C. Shrubsole E. H. Smyth.

.. H. Speakman.

H. Satton ...

E.M. Wood.

A fire broke out last evening in a Chinese watchmaker's shop in Bonham Strand The first and second floors, which were occupied by a piece goods dealer and by medicine shops were gutted while the ground floor was only damaged by water. The damage After the notice calling the Meeting caused on the first floor is estimated tingously. at \$4,500 and is covered by an insurance of \$3,500 with the Po On and the Wing On Insurance Companies; on the second floor the damage is estimated at \$3,000 and is covered by an insurance of \$4,000. Liquidation) have been in your hands. The damage done to the articles on the ground floor is not yet known, but the promises have been insured with the China

FOOTHERR

Another fir ; broke out in a house at Sai Street, Wanchai, early this morning. \$1.45 cash. The market has steadily The fire originated on the ground floor, been done for March and \$173 for cash. by insurance.

THE RAPHAEL CHRISTMAS ART PRODUCTIONS.

The injunction to "Corry On during the war has been very success-Sons, Ltd., the famous art and book publishers, of London, Paris and New York, from whom we have just received specimens of their product hai Cottons Tia 119 sellers, Kung Yiks tions for the Christmas and New The 15.80 nominal Yangtazepoon Tis. Year Seasons. The Firm announces with pride that the whole of the trics are in demand at \$48 and China Lights at \$31. Hongkong Trams have fighting strength of Raphael House sellers at \$6.40 with buyers offering this The following resolution was carried is on active service and that the Raphael House Women Workers' at \$5.60. Cements have changed hands That the Report and accounts before Guild, now affiliated to the British the Meeting including the payment to Red Cross Society, continues in this at \$25. Waterboats are in small demand the Liqidator of \$2,766.69 as extra the third year of its existence, its beneficient work for the wounded. None the less," says the Firm, "the devotion and splendid co-opera-

tion of our well-tried remaining staff enables us to put forth for the coming season a new line of Christmas and New Year cards, postcards, calenof the the cause of art, of education, and, to yet another great essential—the

The output this year has certainly to have shown any decline in quantity for, with such wast armies of men and war service, the time-honoured custom of interchanging heartfelt greetings at this season of the year means of the Christmas card 25.00 la greater, extent than ever.

10.00 ing on the cards are appropriate not 25.00 only to the season but to the solemn

10.00't time in which we live. The Royal Christmas cards which Redhead Wilson will again prove 10.00 the Firm had the honour to prepare 25.00 for their Majesties the King and 25.00 Queen, Queen Alexandra and H.R.H. 10.00 the Prince of Wales, are again reproduced, by permission, for the use of the public. The King's card bears 25.00 a picture of the Battle of Jutand 10.00 by Bernard Gribble; the Queer's has a picture of a Royal Wooing, A.D. 25.00 1420 (King Henry V. and Princess 25.00 Katherine of France), painted 10.00 Frank Dixon; the Prince of Wales card has a picture of an armoured Knight by Howard Davie, inscribed Onward! and bearing the words The golden age is not behind but helore us ascribed to St. Simon Due of France. Queen Alexandra 20.00 curd has a pictore of The Lady o 10.00 the Lamp (Florence Nightingale painted by H. M. Bennet.

10.00 When we mention that the firm collection of Christman and 5.00 Year cards embraces some 8.00 5.00 designs it will be guthered that war 10.00 time conditions have not impaired 20.00 the Firm's reputation for variety and it can certainly be said that the high standard of the productions 25.00 has been fully meintained. In any 10.00 stationer's Christmas display the 50.00 productions of Raphsel. House, not 10.00 lorgetting the increasingly attractive gilt books for children, will be as 10.00 conspicuous as ever and must make strong appeal to the beholder

COMMERCIAL

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Mesers. Mozon and Taylor's Wookly Share Report dated December 21st

Cur market continues to take interest solely in Indo shares, and with one or two very slight set backs the rate has been an advancing one almost com-

Shanghai market appears to be disorganised owing to the discovery of false scrips baving upeet confidence. The market will no doubt assume normal conditions in a short time. BANKS.-Hongkong Banks continue to

offer at \$600 with no business reported. MARINE INSURANCES.—Cautons could be obtained at \$100. Unions are wanted at \$735 and North Chinas at Tis. 115. FIRE INSURANCES. - China Fires after business at \$121 are wanted at \$1221. Hongkong Fires are for sale at \$310. SHIPPING.—Deferred Indos last wook's closing rates were \$150 for March and risen since then, and as bigh as \$192 has

and \$176 for March. Douglases are offer-REFINERIES .- China Sugara ster advancing to a buying rate of \$93 are Court to defend two Chinese who made. I need hardly say that all boards and firewood. The fire spread now offering at \$99 Malabons have changed hands at \$36, closing with sellers

At the close the market is \$167 for cash

at this rate. Oils and Mining.-Languas are quiet at Tis 15. Raubs have been deals in at. 32.35 and Tronoha are quoted 31/3. Urals at 30/- Eailana at 40/- and Shells

at 115 - are all offering. DOCES, WHARVES AND GODOWNS .-Kowloon Wharves are unchanged from last week, the cash rate being \$93 with \$97 offered for February. Hongkong Docks have firmed up and business has taken, place at \$124 for cash. Shanghai

Docks are nominally quoted at \$93.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—West-Points could be placed at \$81 while Hongkong Lands at \$90, Hongkong fully obeyed by Messrs. Raphael Tuck Hotels at \$90, and Central Estates at \$90 are all wanted at quotations. Humphreys at \$5.65 and Kowleon Lands at \$30 are quiet with nothing doing. COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes as follows:—Ewos Tls. 175 nominal, hang-

ELECTRIC COMPANIES -- Hongkong Elec-

MISCELLANEOUS. - Watsons seek buyers at \$7.35 and Frovigents could be placed at \$71, Ices at \$150, and Dairy Farms at \$12 and Steam Laundries at \$3. Powells are offering at \$64 and Ropes have buyers at \$29.

lowing quotations :- Malaka Pindes S. \$3.70, Malakoffs \$4.40, New Screndahs \$4.65, elladellas \$12.50, Ayer Panas \$11.25, Sungei Bagan \$3.80 all sellors. Rubber (Plantation) is quoted 2/31

RUBBERS. - ingapore cables the fol-

EXCHASGE.—The demand rate on London is 2 112 and the T.T. selling rate on. Shanghai nominal.

FANTASTIC STARS AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

The Fantastic Stars programme for to morrow night at the Victorianot suffered in quality, nor is it likely Theatre is one of unusual excellence and variety. Hilds Felstend will introduce several new numbers as well as some of the old favourites, includwomen away from their homes on ing 'I've Been So Busy Knitting," her humorous version of "Sing-asong-a-sixpence," Old Chap, and her Shanghai triumph, an imitation of Leonard Nelson reciting "When Are You Goin' Away?" Miss Nellie Mr. W. A. Alexander 10.00 probably observed to as great, if not Black, the Scottish contralto, will sing several old sweet Scotch songs The designs as well as the words while her violin numbers will, as always, be appreciated by all. Miss Elsie Black will, in addition to ker flute and piccilo solos, be heard in several duets with her sister. Alf

Tis better to be a witty fool than-

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE. Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.).

There will be no parades of any kind during the week ending Beturday, 20th

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES. The hour as well as the date on which Medical Certificates are issued and received must in future be endorsed thereon by the Surgeon Superintendent's Department and by Warning Officers

Thursday, 27th December Clarionet Friday, 28th December-Band

-KO. Z. COMPANY. Inspector Moon resumes duty as Warning Officer from Zist December. Inspector Wel will set as Chief Inspecfor during the absence on leave of Chief nepector Wong. Inspector Un will continue in command of No. 3 Company.

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TELEGRAMS.

Continued from Page 1.)

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON THE SITUATION.

SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, Dec. 20

He said that two circumstances from Denmark and from Holland, policy of the four Governments and that the Allied Food shortage representedwas greater than was anticipated; hence, we had considerably to sacrifice our own resources in order to supply the Allies. He was sure that when a Britonso realised that any deprivation was due to sharing question must be settled by an with their brave Allies, they would International Peace Congress. The bear it with greater heart and spirit. future trustees of those Colonies He was glad to say that owing to must consider the sentiments of the the efforts of the Food Controller, people themselves; whether they are excunstances which had occasioned unxlous to secure the return of their much unxiety, the last few days, had former masters or to entrust themalready visibly improved. The food selves to others. The wishes, desires quenes were largely due to the short. and interests of the peoples of those age of margarine, butter and cheese, countries must be the dominant The tea position was steadily im- factor in settling their future Governproving and it was hoped by in- ment. prensing home minufacture, the SITUATION MORE MENACING. margarine position would also soon improve. The Premier emphasised that unless there was a more fair distribution of food stuffs the Government would take over the distribu

SHIPBUILDING AND THE DESTRUCTION OF SUBMARINES.

Referring to shipping, Mr. Lloyd George said that the margin of loss at sea was nairowed and the losses were decreasing, building was increasing and the sinking of submarines was increasing. The shipping losses had been lighter by hundreds of thousands of tons than he had estimated for August; very largely owing to the improvement the submaring under control.

The aggregate British shipbuilding | and France. for 1917 had exceeded the record year of 1913. (Cheers.) The fact that the destruction of German submarines had steadily increased in 1917 was remarkable and encouraging because it showed that the Admiralty and the Shipping Controller were really grappling with the most menneing situation with which we had been confronted in the war.

THE MILITARY SITUATION.

Dealing with the military situation, Mr. Lloyd George admitted that the hopes formed at the beginning of the year had not been realised. This was entirely attributable to the Rua sian collapse. He emphasised that despite the Russian inactivity, the Germans had" not quite "held their own in the West. On the contrary, they had been beaten in many battles and had had only one conspicuous success which was attributable to a surprise which was now the subject

of an enquiry. The Germans had lost 100,000 prisoners; very valuable ground and hundreds of guns, despite the fact that no dangerous enemy menuced them on the Eastern Front. There was no doubt that if the Russians had fulfilled expectations and had carried out their allotted part, the pride of Prussian military power would have been completely hum bled. The successes we had gained in 1917 would permanently affect the juture of the world. The capture of Bagdad and Jerusalem had added more to the prestige of Great Britain, throughout-the world, than almost any other event of the war. The capture of Jerusalem had most profoundedly impressed the whole of the civilised world. A good deal had been said about side shows. but the British Empire owed a good deal to side shows. In recording the Levents of 1917, history would place the entry of o America into world to the British British politica, and then ton conquest of German workers had deteriorated

THE INTER-ALLIED COUNCIL The Premier said the Informations

Allied Council would deal with finan cial, economic, shipping, food and other vital questions and its decisions would affect all nations. This wou have a greater effect on international relations than could be imagined So far, the Council had been a conspicuous success; it had been freefrom friction and had helped to remove friction. Various countries had found it a means for discussing and interhanging views and for help-In the House of Commons, on the ling to reach decisions, and they were motion for adjournment, Mr. Lloyd using it freely. When the great George, reviewing the war situation, machinery of this Council, which had dealt first with the food question, already started, and to which Great recently had contributed to the and Italy had given their best men. gravity of the position; namely, the was developed, it would have a great failure to get margarine and hutter influence in directing the economic

THE FORMER GERMAN

COLONIES. Regarding the German Colonies. Mr. Lloyd George said that this'

The situation had become far more menacing owing to two events, during the last few weeks. Firstly: the unexpected defeat of Italy and the despatch of British and French assistance there at a very critical moment; undoubtedly done with a celerity which greatly surprised the enemy. The British and French support was both material and moral It had encounged and fired the ago were completely dispersed over civilian nations before the war and fore, could claim a very large share was ... By German military law we the British and French war direct peace in the world, and that is why in the Navy's methods of keeping tions, and it meant a greater drain we said that victory was an essential on the man-power of Great Britain

THE RUSSIAN ARMISTICE:

The second fact responsible for the worsening of the position was the Russian armistice. True, the armistice provided for the non-movement of troops to the West, but " we have heard of 'scraps of paper' before, and the country that relies for its security on Germany keeping her promises, either in the spirit or the letter, has not profited by experience." (Cheers.) These two factors have compelled us to make sacrifices in order strengthen the armies in the field in the coming year.

THE STRAIN ON MAN-POWER.

The pledges given to Lubour in 1916 in connection with recruiting were necessary and desirable in the interests of the country, but circumstances over which they had no control necessitated either the alteration or cancellation of those pledges The Government must call up many men at present protected by the conditions of their employment. Before asking for legislation enabling this course, the Minister of National Service would, next week, lay the whole position before the leaders of the Trade Unions. Another circum, able. He hoped that the Chancellor stance impelling the Government to of the Exchequer, in his next Budget, make a further strain on the man- would make further taxation depower was that they were at present forced to send back to the fighting. line men who had been repeatedly wounded. It was unfair and intolerback while there were melt in the this matter as sacred. With regard country who bad never been to the to shipping, it was far the most wital the next lew months would be the most trying of the war because one great Power had practically gone out urged the Government to use every and another great Power was not means to make it clear that we were THE AUSTRALIAN CONSCRIPTION fully in; therefore, our busien would | fighting for security, liberty and

The snemy, however also difficulties. For example, owing

with the first year of the war. France's losses were undoubtedly very severe. Italy s. losses, despite the reverses, were not comparable with the losses of Austria. Despite four great ensualties, the pernument losses of the British Army were not more than one-fourth or one-fifth of

the permanent losses of the Germans. The reserve man-power of the nations actively allied against Germany was twice as great as that of the Central Powers and their Allies.

WAR AIMS.

Referring to yesterday's war aims debate, the Premier remarked that since Russia had entered into separ-Britain, France, the United States ate negotiations, she must be responsible for the protection of her own territory, and that also disposed of any understanding regarding Constantinople.

Mr. Lloyd George reiterated that we had not entered the war in order to unnex a single yard of territory. (Cheers.) We had entered the war because we believed that the honour of Great Britain was involved, in standing by her word. (Cheers.) The war was the result of 'the restless arrogance of the military casts of Prussia who were determined to force their power on the world. They had planned the war for years; they were once even prepared to over throw their own ruler in order to set up another ruler who was more in sympathy with their aims. They had repeatedly tried to force war on Russia who was "compelled" to purchase peace at the price of humiliation. They had tried to force war on France who also had to purchase peace at a price that we would not have endured. The character of the Prussian military caste was exemplified by the Zabern incident." A soldier, if he had a sword, had the wright under the German military law to run a civilian through. Let the House translate that into terms of "international relations. Italians, and troops that a few weeks (Cheers.). Other nations had been Italy, were returning to the ranks. they said: "You have no business The British and French troops, there- in Belgium. Go out." The reply n restoring the position on the have the right to run you through Italian Front. (Cheers.) Neverthe- for daring to interfere." That was less, the Italian defeat made the the temper that made war and until military position more anxious for it was broken there would never be condition of peace. It was not because it satisfied some low, vindictive sense in human nature merely to punish, but because we realised that victory was the only thing that would give reality to peace terms. A League of Nations in which Germany

> sary means. (Loud cheers.) Mr. Lloyd George emphasised that what will happen to Mesopotamia and Armenia must be left to the Peace Conference, but one thing which would never happen would be their restoration to the Turks.

was represented by that military

caste triumphant, would be a hollow

farce. (Cheers.) The people of

Germany must be in the League of

Nations. That was why victory

itself was more important than mere

terms. It was because victory alone

would give reality to peace terms

that the Government would ask the

Trade Unions and the House

Commons for greater powers

enable them to increase the neces-

SPEECH BY MR. ASQUITH.

Mr. Asquith, following Mr. Lloyd George, emphasised that shipping. and finance were the two most formidable problems a year ago. Now they were much more formidmands. There was a feeling, which he believed was wholly unwarranted, of the army and munitions. He operating from Dar os Seam as ist as

justice in the world, through a free

THE ITALIAN FRONT

TTALIANS REPULSE AN ATTACK WITH SEVERE LOSSES.

LONDON: Dec. 20 An Italian official measure states: We drove buck, with severe losses, an attack on the Front at Tasson-Col-della-Orso.

Suilors repulsed an attack at Cortellazzo bridgehead.

ITALIANS RECAPTURE GROUND.

LONDON, Dec. 21. An Italian official message states: In the region of the Asolone Front, imp to the east of the Brenta, we recapfured a considerable portion of the tion by House Committees. ground lost on Tuesday.

We dispersed a strong countersttack at Monte Pertica.

GERMAN REPORTS.

London, Dec. 20. A German official message states We repulsed repeated counterattacks against the newly-won lines at Monte Pertica.

Between the Brenta and the Piave we have taken prisoner 270 officers and 8,150 men, since December 11.

A further German official report suys: The Italians seven times attacked the heights we won westward of Monte Asolone, and three times attacked Monte Pertica. They also attacked Monte Solarolo. All failed

> TWO ENEMY SUBMARINES DESTROYED.

AN ENCOUNTER NEAR GREECE

ATHENS, Dec. 21. French descroyers have accounted for two enemy submarines between Tranto it was so successful. He boodwinked Washington society to the top of his

One was sunk with all hands. Th crew abandoned the other and captain, two officers and 16 men were known what it was to be treated made prisoners.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

ENEMY NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Reuter is authorised to state that although it is true that we are not destroying more U boats than are being built, it is clear from recent attacks on convoys by surface ships, that the enemy is not satisfied with the results manners were no more thank department of the Bernstorffian diplomacy. of the submerine compaign, recognising that it requires assistance.

GERMAN PRESS ON THE EAST APRICAN CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, Dec. 21. The German Press is adopting the inspired attitude that the honours

campaign rest with the Germans. The Cologne Gazette says __ "There is | because he happened to be talking with little reason for rejoicing in London and elsewhere. General Lettow von when they pay a visit to the harem. Vorbeck is not yet vanquished and we hope that he will still hold for a long time. If, after his immortal when he was conversing with a woman deeds he should be compelled to lower his flag and our last Colony should thus | who probably had something important be really lost, our enemies must know that the pledges which we hold in Europe will thereby be made only doubly precious. With these pledges we shall win back the tropical soil we need and intend to have for our future economic life.

GERMAN ANXIETY AND GERMAN DREAMS.

LONDON, Dec. 21. revealed

Locturing at Bremen, Dr. Karstadt, one of the best known speakers of the German Colonial Society, said: "When our millions of soldiers return from the work Bernstorff found that it paid him bread and work. But how, if the raw The problem in scute owing to the closer union of the British Empire." Dr. Karstadt declared that Turkey learn-to listen

could not satisfy Germany's hunger for raw material. Germany must have a of insecurity regarding loans. He Central Africa stretching from the able that such men should be sent regarded the State's obligation in Altantic to the Indian Ocean. Hence Germany must recover her colonies and enlarge them. She must also construct. casential maral bases Dr. Karstadt con-Front. (Cheers.) Undoubtedly, the need of the country, before the needs, cluded by picturing German submarines

REFEREIDUM

MELBOURNE Dec 21 confederation of equal States, The Partial returns of the Esteredam events in Russis showed the neces- give to 2,000 majority against conscript for YEAC,000 Bis was purchased by sity for moral accompanying to tion out of 508,000 which a quarter material campaign. A League of the heal of the leaforst

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA

PETROGRAD IN A STATE OF SIEGE

LONDON, Dec. 20. Router's Correspondent at Petrogram, telegraphing yesterday, says that Petrograd is declared to be in a state of siege. All street meetings and gatherings are prohibited.

Attempts to pillage the wine stores, shops and private dwellings will be suppressed by machine guns without warn-

Nobody is allowed out after nine o'clock in the evening without authorisa-

COUNT BERNSTORFF.

HIS WOMEN FRIENDS.

Now that the late lamented Count von Bernstorff is no longer with us we seem to be more insistent upon his vices than upon his virtues. The good old rule of de mortuis does not apply to alien enemies whose death is only political. We are discovering with a Certain pained surprise that the late German Ambuseador was in very truth the nevil of a fellow, says "The Argonaut'

of San Francisco. Now there may be virtues in what we have learned to call the shirt-sleeve diplomacy. We are inclined to believe that there must be virtues in anything and everything if only it be blatant, self-assertive, and rude. Why not! We ourselves are blatant, self-assertive, and rude, and King Demos inhales greedily the incense smoke of imitation. He applauds nothing that is not like unto

Count Bernstorff knew nothing of the shirt-sleeve diplomacy, except in so far as he had observed it with a contemptuous amusement. He preferred his own diplomacy, and no wonder, seeing that bent. He was siways the sunve and dexterous courtier, and he found nothing so easy as to beguile the women of the who had never v before with deference. Adulation they had, of course, received. Flatteries and compliments had been their daily food. But deference, that was quite snother story. It was performed, as from an unknown social paradise. It was a new language, unfamiliar and intoxicating. Probably we shall never know the extent of the information communicated to the Count under the influence of such delicate meamerism, but it was certainly great. Even Mrs. Wilson is said to have declared in the early days that von Bernstorff was the only man in Washington who knew how to treat a lady. And perhaps Mrs. Wilson was right, although she may not have known that exquisite

The German ambassador knew how treat women. That was largely the secret of his success. No one ever heard him pay an audible compliment. The tone of light bedinage that we think to be the perfection of manners was abhorrent to him as it is abhorrent also to rice women. Von Bernstorff never treated women as though they were delightfully inferior beings for whose benefit a man must step down from that war with regard to the East African loftier platform upon which he usually stands, or thinks he does. He knew better than to change his demeanour a woman. That is the sort of thing that we do. So do the Sultans of the Urient

We have the same standard. It is the standard of saccharine insult. Von Bernstoff, never lost his gravity He acted invariably towards her as though she were an important person to say that it was important that be should bear. He listened attentively and gravely, and his answers were invitations to her to say something more deep and grave heed to what he was hearing. In other words he behaved

If you Bernstorff had been a shirt- they will not continue their services. sleeve diplomat he would have acted As an outcome, the Board of Directors very differently from this. He would have talked about himself insistently. looked absent-mindedly out of the decided to give Y20,000 to the families on the table. He would have shown a to those of the 1st and and 2nd officers economic future is being constantly blank indifference to whatever was of concern to those with whom he was talking and a complete concentration of

all the day no one will ever know how and pensions are included. The new War, they must be provided with to be a gentleman. He gathered honey much, or how sweet it was. Women, regulations are expected to be appl material is lacking, for example cotton | confided in him. They told him what their husbands had told them. He gave of the Hitself Maru, which has not been them the opportunity. He listeried. I heard of since her departure from That is the art that we have yet to Colombo .- Kobe Herald.

LOSS OF A JAPANESE STEAMER OFF COAST OF INDO-CHINA.

"DAINL CHIYODA MARU FOUNDERS: CREW SAVED.

Car have repeived news to the effect that the Dates Ohigode Martin (1259) tons), owned by the Goko Shakai and Chillies by Maire Oilwight Co. which left Hongtong on Nov. 20th for Amain bes gone flower The tree the Goen Blaker for \$750,000 stelled

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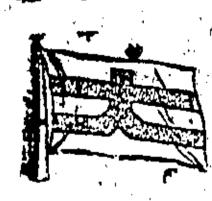
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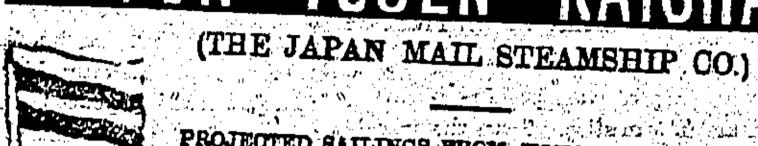
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The garrisons of the fortified places on the frontier number 10 cavalry divisions. That is a total of 1,100 active battalions of infantry, 1,000 field batteries of 75 mm., 30 horse batteries of 75 mm. 10 cycle battalions, 500 squadrons of cavelry and 200 companies of engineers. In addition to the above, there were the territorial troops (men of 33 to 40 years of age). Most of these troops were in the fortified places... Some of them were forming at the rear (11 divisions of 133 battalions, 99 batteries of 90 mm. non-quick-firing guns). However no more than 910 battalions fought the first part of the campaign with the 60 British

battalions, against 1,190 German bat talions. The victory of the Marne preebject, which was to crush France first and then to turn on Russia, who would be then easily dealt with. The French Army was kept as a complete fighting unit for France and for her Allies who required time to get ready. It had, however, to be developed to the utmost; Germany indeed was increasing her fighting power on the Western Front from 1,190 battalious in August, 1914, to 1,293 on the 1st of November, and to 1,375 on the 1st of June, 1915. Britain could not have her new army ready before 1915; Russia was hampered by the question of material and transportation

France, therefore had to support the brunt of the war, at least for the whole of the first year. As for the infantry armament, it has been greatly increased, renovated and transformed. When the war broke out, the infantry was armed instead of a clip, which all up-to-date rifles have. The allotment of machine-guns was one section of two guns per battal- 24 hours later he would have been someion. The rifle has been transformed, what disconcerted. It might have been and now uses a clip, and there is one company of 8 machine-guns per battal- in the very anticipatory act of lipion. In addition each company has 8 licking, to endure another 48 hours Fusils Mitrailleurs (shortly 12) a weapon tinned cow and "Fanny Adams," which is like the Lewis gun, but with the Billingsgate would have been plunged very portable. Each battalion- is pro- rivalling the wailing of Cocytus. Yet vided with a 37-mm gun for destroying from captain to cook s mate they fairly bubbled with merriment, and their sides. machine-gun emplacements, concrete sched with the mirth of some unexplain- Mr and Mrs F. B. L. Miss Martin

PRESENT UNITS. The experience acquired daily in the peace of mind. battles of Verdun, Ancre, and the Somme He came up on to the quarter-deck as has indeed brought about a complete to harbour at the conclusion of her her her Garlick Miss Skinner period of banishment. Slowly the Mrs Garlick Miss Skinner there is no other method of bringing the anchor was let go, and the cable roared machine-gens speedily into action, except in the fairleads over the stern. The to put them under direct command of admiral stared wide-syed Splash! Hurley Lt.-Col. John Ward the battalion commander. The battalion Splash! In quick succession three more anchors followed the first three more anchors followed the first and of breaking most of the resistance it of the ship's company at prayer upon the Billingsgate's quarter-deck.

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the weapons of the infantry.

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dred with only rifles and bayonets. The result of new experiences in tactics may be summed up as follows :---

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In line shead the Mediterranean Flest steamed majestically into the Grand Harbour at Malta; engines, were reversed. Mr W. B. Davecport Mr S. W. Printer staining the blue water a turgid yellow, Hime. E. Esnalt and each battleship proceeded to pick up her moorings. From the afterbridge vented Germany from achieving her of the Hagship the admiral watched the

manœuvre with an approving eye. Suddenly his expression changed; for a moment he wilted, and then a frown Mr.V. Goulbourn of fury ruffled his brow.

"Blank you! What the blinking Hades is that swivel-eyed son of a sea cook doing with that blank blank wire. The air positively crackled with the luridness of the language which was emanating from the focale of H.M.S. Billingsgate, the next ship astern ...

"Flag-Lieutenant!" "Sir." The fing-lieut, hastened to the admiral's side; he knew when it was advisable to evince alacrity.

"Make a signal to the Billingsgata immediately," snorted the outraged admiral. "Your method of bringing ship to anchor is a diagrace. You will proceed to sea for forty-eight hours and study your Bible. Make it at once. with the 8 mm. rifle (model 1886) the He spluttered with indignation, turned characteristic of which was a magazine on his heel, and went below. The stream of invective continued to ascend luridly

Could he have seen the Billingiga's imagined, snatched away as they had dug-outs, etc. Hand and rifle grenades ed jest. It might be ship's biscuit and Dowbiggin have also become a permanent part of salt pork that they were eating, but Mr and Mrs J. T. Nightingale all they tasted was the sweets of antici-

1 27 mm. gun. It has been realised that were put full speed astern. Spinsh! An

In three minutes it was brought.

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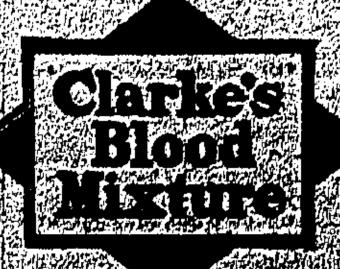
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Lieut. 1. Liull, having returned to the Colony, has resumed duty at stonecut-PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.

No classes will be held during the fortnight cuding 5th January, 1913. Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut.

J. E. W. Beard.

There will be no parades on Monday and Wednesday the 24th and 28.h inst.

MATURDAY, 20th instant. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections will parade at Beadquarters'at (0 a.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections will arade at

Kowloon Station at 10.30 s.m. " All laggage to be brought well before the above mentioned times so that arrangements can be made to convey it Lowu. Camp beds may be brought by any

how if he likes. Members are reminded that they render themselves liable to be struck off the strength should they absent themselves from Camp without first and engineering works. Largest and obtaining exemption from the Commanding Officer. Leave will be granted only on a

doctor's certificate or in very exceptional G. M-STEWART,

Captain, Adjutant, Hongkong Defence Corps. Hongkong, 20th, December, 1917. SERUIDANTS MESS.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Sergeants' Mess will be held in the Mess Room at 6.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd January, 1918. Every member not on duty to attend.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

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ITH SURDAY IN ADVENT, 23RD DECEMBER. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses, Ferial; Venite, Macfarren

Psalms, Cuseley, Turle; Te Deum, Woodward, Smart, Turle; Bene-dictus, Garrett; Hymns, 246, 53. God Save the King. Evensong (6 p.m.) Responses, Ferial; Psalms, Towers,

Peregrinua Wickes; Magnificat, Monk (4th morning); Nunc Dimittia, Turle, (30th evening); Hymna, 193, 47,51.

St. Peter's Church, West Point Sunday. December 23rd. 1 s.m.—Holy Communion. 1 a.m. - Morning Prayer and Sermon: Preacher:-Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

Tuesday, Christmas Day. 8 a.m. - Holy Communion: ll a.m. -- Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermoni Preacher: - Rev. W. T. Festherstone.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Morning Prayer (It a m.) Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Responses Festal; Venite, MacFarren Psalms. 110 Ouseley-111 Turie, 112 Elver, 1:3 omart ; Te Deum, St. Jude; Benedictus, Barnby, W.A. 547 : Hymns. 8. 67, A. & M. 49, 1st and last 3 verses, 392, 80, A. & M.

National Anthem-Evening Prayer (6 p.m.) Responses, Festal; Psalms, 114 Tonus PHONE 515. Peregrinus, 115 Wickes; Magnificat, Barnby W.A. 533; Nunc. Dimittis, Bertheld Tours, W.A. 188 ; Ryrie.

Mendelssohn; Hymns, 39, A. & 162, 298, A. & M. 280, 79, 449. National Anthem. Union Church, Kennedy Road. Sunday Services, December 23rd. Morning Service at 11 a.m.-Hymns, 613. 529, 532, 585, 397. Subject: The Church and The Child.

599, 35, 29, 541. Annual collection for Sunday Schools. Prescher : Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie. The Gospel Hall.

10 & 12 PEDDER STREET. Weekly Services.—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m., Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study,

Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m., Securday, Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m. First Church of Christ Scientist.

MACDONNEZ KOAD. Sundays, 11 s.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church Wanchal Sanday Morning Service, 10.15 s.m.

Soldiers' and Saliers' Home, Arsenal Street Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 5 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church-Garden Rosdi Mass and Sermon at 10 s.m. followed the Benediction of the Blessed Secrement.

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Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 91.48 inches, against an average of 82.78 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at

noon on the 23rd December:-1.-Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy, probably some drizzling rain. 2.—Formora Channel: N. winds.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkeng and Lamocks: The same as 4—South coast of China between Hougkong and Hainan : The same as

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IV.—In Koroloon. Not exceeding half hour.

One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5.00 Between the bours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 am the above fares shall be increased by 50 per sentum.

HONGKONG REGISTER

DECEMBER 22ND, 1917. Approximate "starm be sed Last Dividend Stock and paid up na la t 11.30 A.M. end date. FORE E BANKS. Hongkoug & d'hat \$175,8600 s. 5,90 sa. Interim of £2-3/- ah MARINE INSUB-ANCES. 50 \$200 a. \$7 fins! making \$25 of \$18 a/o 1916. Int. div. of 15 2" = 15/-North Chines, were at 3/8 5/16, \$4.15 per #10018735 b. Final of \$20 and bonus of \$10 a/c 1915 and Interim of \$30 erc 1916 77 p.c. \$15 making \$21 1915 and special of \$3 YIRE INSURANCES. Ohine Fire 20, \$1001 b. 187 and bourse 12 for Hongkong Fire ... a DL \$310 \$37 for 1915 SHIPPING. Donglas Steamshios 250 377 #-Finalof \$5 a/c 1918-1917. 31.25 for 1918 ... (Proferred)....£5|\$334 b. Final J 3/- a/o 1916

(Deterred) ... 25 \$181 b. Final of 40/~a/c1918, ... "Shell" Transports £1|112/- b. - final making 7/- a/o 1916 free of income tax Coupon 28 Star Ferry " \$ 10 \$281 11.80 div. and 30 cents to bonus "for year ending 30-4-17..... REPINEBIES. Twenty cents shall be added | Ch ps Sugars \$100 \$00 b. 144 D.c. \$12 for 1918 a of an hour if the hirer causes | Malabon Sugara ... P. 30 \$36 s. P. 5 for 1916.....

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